WHEEL THROUGH BULL RUN

Just as Easy a Ride as It Was Years Ago.

IS ALL HISTORIC COUNTRY

Bills and Sandy Paths Lead to Falls Church Then Fairly Good Roads Carry the Rider to the Famous Stone Bridge and Past the Battlefield Warrenton at the End.

Bull Run battlefield lies so near Wash-Ington that the dicycle riders have gotten

Washingtonians have always had a kind of an airy and easy idea of Bull Run since that day in 1861 when they drove in their carriages to see the first conflict of the great civil war. It's so near at hand, yet, that the toys on their wheels are not satisfied with the ride, but keep on to Warrenton. Here they are always sure of seeing plenty of pretty girls

ways sare of seeing prenty of prenty girls and having a good time.

The battlefield is not marked off, as is that at Getresburg. A look can be taken over the field as the rider whirls by, or dismounts from his machine. There is not much to see but farming land, and but little to remind one that the two sections of the country came together with a great

OVER MANY BATTLEFIELDS.

The ride is all through a country that was one large battlefield. The rider can shut his eyes, but he must be off his wheel when he does this, and imagine the scenes of a third of a century ago. Names all along remind him of the conflict, and imagination can do the rest.

The start is made out Pennsylvania The start is made out Pennsylvania avenue to Aqueduct bridge. Here he is relieved of one barden which used to worry the wheelman. He no longer is forced to dismount to pay toll. The rider never objected so much to the amount as to the dismounting. Crossing the bridge the rider turns to the right, taking the new road to Falls Church. He finds some stiff

foad to Falls Church. He finds some suit hills to climb and some sandy paths to traverse in the eight miles to the church. But he can make it all right if he perseveres. From this point two roads lead to Fairfax Court House ten miles away. The longer is the pike and shorter a dirt road. One is as good as the other hat the short round is any attending a similar club function in the can make it all right if he petseveres. From this point two roads leavito Fairfax burt House ten miles away. The longer is e pike and shorter a dirt road. One is as the other, but the short route is maily taken. Two miles of the road is od and then comes a stretch of three dar it is to have dropped. As a general rule in the local content of the cont good as the other, but the short route is usually taken. Two miles of the road is good and then comes a stretch of three-quarters of a mile out of which the bottom

mileage for the entire period, duly sworn to before a notary.

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Tinding at the start and finish must be done by at least three competent persons, each of whom must have a watch; the watches must be compared before the start and adjusted to correspond exactly. If start and finish are in different towns, tining must be arranged for beforehand, and the six watches adjusted to a common standard. Timers shall certify to such comparison and adjustment. If there be any variation in times, the slowest time shall be claimed.

shall be claimed. tichable checkers must be stationed at turns or essential points en route, who must certify to place, date and hour of checking; or, in the case of a course record, the rider must carry a checking sheet upon which he must obtain in ink or indelible pencil, signatures and addresses of relinate witnesses, with place, date and hour of signing. Checkers' or witnesses' signatures must be submitted with claim for record.

The barden of proof as to the genuineness of any record shall be understood to rest with the chaimant; the road records' committee reserving the right to take whatever steps it may deem proper to secure evidence relating to the same; also the right to require any additional proof neitable checkers must be stationed

the right to require any additional proof that it may consider necessary. Blank forms for claiming records or re-porting nileage may be obtained from any

nember of the committee.

A charge of one dollar will be made for road record certificates issued to others than members of the Century Road Club.

QUEER WHEELMEN.

Membership Still Increasing and the Club in Excellent Condition. The Queer Wheelmen are booming these

The Queer Wheelmen are booming these days. The membership of the club is now 94, with a limit of 100.

It is the intention of the club to give a monthly dance at the clubbouse for members and their lady friends. The first may be held this month. It will surely be started in January. It is possible that the club will have a watch meeting New Year's eye.

Their third dancing reception, which took place Wednesday night at National Rifles' Armory, was a great success. The attendance was so great that it was almost impossible to dance with comfort, almost impossible to dance with comfort, but the many friends of the Queers were out to enjoy themselves, and the large crowd and small hall were not serious drawbacks. That the Queers are one of the progressive clubs was proven by the style in which the dance was managed, while the crowd was probably larger than any attending a similar club function in recent years.

shall be chosen annually, and who will be incrusted with the management of all the business affairs of the society. To this board all appeals of whatever description, connected with the association, must be made. Social features are to be introduced, also, which will embrace outdoor and indoor amusements, meets and runs and other executions.

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Another idea is that the association can have charge of legislation and represent the cycling fraternity before the Commissioners, as well as in the possible cases in court that may arise from the occurrence of accidents. It is not intended, the promoters say, to conflict in anywise with the club organizations. The platform is more general than that, and is intended to be such that clubmen may join without interference with their other associations. Brooklyn's

ARLINGTON WHEELMEN.

Officers for the Eusuing Year

Elected at Monthly Meeting.

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The Arlington Wheelmen held their regular monthly meet at the Losekam Tuesday night. As usual, it was a most pleasant affair. It was also the annual meeting, and officers for the ensuing year were elected. They are:

President, William Gettinger, vice president, Edward Terry; secretary and treasurer. John Kawlins; captain, Frank Potts; first licatemant, E. J. Murphy. These officers will be installed at the next meeting, in January. The club is off on a run to Brookville today.

AMONG THE CLUBS.

All Are Devoting Themselves to

Indoor Sports and Games. The cold weather has stopped most of the riding of the clubs. Nearly all of them are devoting themselves to indoor

sports.

The Capital Bi is still keeping up its whist uights and some of the "hard riders" are getting to be hard men to beat.

The Eastern Athletics have given themselves up to their gymnasium and basketball. They are making a showing. The league is taking things easy. The committee on a new constitution has completed its work and is ready to report. The designment is not a like.

CAPT. COX A CYCLIST.

She Has a New Trick to Keep Her

Hands Warm. One of the most earnest devotees of the wheel in the city is Miss Blanche Cox, the staff captain of the local Salvation Arny. Like every other rider she has been puzzled over what to do with her bicycle during the winter weeks.

"I will simply ride it, I guess," said she. "You know the chief trouble is the

matter of the hands and how to keep them

matter of the hands and how to keep them warm. Well, here is the way I get around the difficulty."

At this point the salvationist brought out a Japanese hand warmer. She said that she always fastened it to the handle bars when she went out riding. It is easy enough to learn to ride with one hand while the fingers of the other are being warmed. The vigorous exercise to the rest of the body keeps it fairly warm, and riding in winter is not half bad, Miss Cox asserted.

THEIR USEFULNESS GONE.

Fate of Tons of Campaign Litera-

It was a small crowd of all-night workers who wandered wearily home to bed the other morning shortly before the sun was up. The wind came around the corner at the top of the hill, and, catching something white on its arms, whirled it round and round. From a distance it was a scene as weird as it was puzzling. Each gust of wind would seem to suck something up out of the pavement and a white specter would twist rapidly around and gradually sink in almost the same place





wheelman can take. Outside the his-toric interest of the ride it is just long enough to make him enjoy his rest when Warrenton is reached. CENTURY ROAD RULES.

Information for Wheelmen Whe

It is one of the most pleasant journeys the

the ride must be taken when the roads are Virginia mad has a reputation the

Way beyond is a stone braige over which the Federal and Confederate forces fought back and form so many hours. It is built

over Buil Run Creek, now one of the famous streams of history. THE OLD STONE HOUSE. Beyond the bridge a short distance the old stone house is passed and a short run for-ward lies the little village of Groveton.

This was the headquarters of the Frederick forces during the battle. From this vil-lage many points of interest can be seen. The houses are all builter indeen and their inhabitants ornament their front yards with

pyramids of shells and cannon balls. Out their woodsheds they keep relies of e battle in the shape of pieces of timber

Near here lies the graveyard, which is

afterwards to locate their dead and monuments were erected to their memory. After leaving Groveton down the milroad

track and Gainesville is the next place

the battle in the shape of pie-

Wish to Try for Records. The many wheelmen in this vicinity continually try for century records would do well to know that the Century Road Club of America will recognize only such cycle records as are made on the public highway in accordance with the following rules; provided, that no more than one-tenth of the entire distance ridden shall be on asphalt, Woodblock, stone or brick pavement, or park

boulevards: The classes of records recognized are as follows:

Stonlows: Stondard distances: 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 100, 200, 500 and 1,000 miles. Twelve and twenty-four hour records. Course records. Individual mileage and century records for the calendar year. No distinction will be made between paced, unpaced and competitive records, or be-tween an out-and-home and a straight-away course; the desire being to simply record the fastest times for given dis-

The course may be either straight-away. circuitous, or out-and-home. If the last, for a five-mile record the distance must not be less than two and one half miles from start to point of return; for ten fifteen, twenty, and twenty-five-mile records, not less than five miles; for a fifty-mile record. not less than ten miles; and for records of 100 miles and upward, not less than

twenty miles.
For standard distance, 12 or 24-boar records, cyclometer measurement will not be accepted. The course must be a surveyed one, and the surveyor's certificate, or a certified capy thereof, must be for-warded with claim, and it must be proven that the statutes as surveyed and children

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e committees in charge were: Floor-R. Brooke Clokey, chairman; L. O. Shack, F. E. Ghiselli, D. P. Sigourney, Charles H. Long, George E. Boyd, J. J. Newyahi, and H. S. Gardner. New yant, and H. S. Gardner.
Reception—J. R. Mutr, chairman; W. K.
Larrimore, W. A. Helmus, E. H. Newmeyer, Jr.; G. W. Dodson, Louis Keller,
Dr. C. A. Van Ruth, J. M. Monday, James
Parker, Fred L. Vogt, J. S. Power, J. W.

Kaiser, E. A. Pitkin, John Woerner, jr., C.). Maxwell, H. Gale Turpin, and Charle The club intends to use some of the profits of this dance in fixing up its club-house.

CYCLISTS TO ORGANIZE.

More Talk of Another Local Body

Fashioned After League. There is a movement on foot in the Dis-rict for the organization of a cyclists' sectiation to be governed by such rules and regulations as may be proper, and to be composed of local crelists only, of both sense. It is believed that, with such an or-passization once formed, at least five thou-sand members can be easily obtained. The expected the nascention is explained to be the presented of mutual weifare outcome and probetted of cyclists, and the plan is should be followed it is proposed to have a greenal board or council

white object was a puzzle. The wind lulled as they advanced and The wind lulled as they advanced and they were right upon the spot before the mystery was solved. In an instant all thought of a specter vanished. The toilers walked over the spot and kicked aside a great pile of loose papers. The windows of a room at a corner were up and it was evident the papers had been purposely dropped from there during the night.

They were paniphlet souvenirs of the late campaign. The title of each read: "Silver Arguments Simply Answered."

NEW FLOORING MATERIAL,

Easily Mixed and Applied as Plaster of Paris Philadelphia Record.

Papyrolith, the invention of Otto Kraner. of Chemnitz, Germany, is a novelty in floor-ing material, being a special preparation of paper pulp which is sold as a dry powder, says an English exchange.

When mixed with water it may be spread

like mortar over stone, cement or wood, where it dries quickly, and may be smooth-ly planed. It may be tinted almost any ly planed. It may be tinted almost any color, adapting it for parquetry with variegated borders, or for panels and mosaics.

Among the advantages claimed are freedom from crevices, deadening of noise and poor conduction of heat, considerable classicity, safety from fire and remarkable durability. It may be used for wainscoting and other architectural purposes, as well as for flooring.

Real Art.

"Pa, what is dramatic ability?"
"Dramatic ability? Well, it is a type-writer girl's gift of looking sorry when she hears that her employer will have to

Doings of Amateurs in Gymnasium and Afield.

BOWLING LEAGUE

rooklyn's forel Basketball Tour-ney-Infantry's Probable Entry. C. A. C. Ladies' Day and Its Fea-tures New Soldier Athletes The Fasterns and the League.

The game of basketball is creating an unusual amount of interest throughout the Eastern section of the country. Daily the game is given more and more prominence, and as a winter indoor sport it will, this season, take front rank in the list of spirit-

In this city the interest is widespread and, as every one knows, the carnetty of gyrns on league nights is the only limit to the attendance, and this during the opening weeks of the senson. It is unfortunate that the league could not have seen its way clear to play all its games in some large half where more "rooters" for counts and admirers of the game could have congregated to witness the contests. If the attraction of the sensor is the contests. tendance continues to grow something will have to be done to accommodate more spec-

in New York city and Brooklyn the game has promptly jumped into popular favor and the interest is widespread. Es-pecially is this the case in the ranks of the National Guard. What promises to be a novel and highly interesting tournament novel and highly interesting tournament will be held by the Thirteenth regiment Athletic Association on the afternoon and evening of January 20, in the Thirteenth Regiment Armory, Brooklyn. The tournament will consist of three series of matches on a monster scale. The armory is so large that as well. on a monster scale. The armory is so large that as many as six separate games can and will be played at one time. A tournament of this kind has rever been attempted before.

The first series will be open to all ama-

teur teams in the country; the second series teur teams in the country; the second series is open to school teams, and is to determine the championship of New York and Brook-lyn; the third series is open to regimental teams, and will determine the champion-ship of the National Guard. Capt. W. A. Turpin, Thirteenth Regiment Armory, Park Row, New York City, will supply entry blanks and full information upon

request.

Manager Robinson, of the Light Infantry team, of this city, is in communication with the above management, with a view of entering the local champions in the National Guard series, if it is found that the prize

Guard series, if it is found that the prizes to be offered are of sufficient inducement to go that distance to play. Undoubtedly the Infantry team will be heard from if it plays in the series.

Some of the local club teams may also find the tourney of sufficient interest to make it profitable to secure further information.

ANOTHER BOWLING LEAGUE.

To such an extent has the interest in ten To such an extent has the interest in ten-pin bowling grown, and the develop-ment of good players been so great, that it has been found necessary to form a second league. The members of the teams of this league are for the most part the players of the Cartoli Institute, Saenger-bund, and Was inglon Athletics, who failed by a few points in competition averages to secure places on the first league teams. The league will be composed of the teams of the organizations named. The first games in the new league's series will be games in the new league's series will be played on December 19. A schedule is now

played on December 19. A schedule is now in preparation.

With such excellent facilities, and with so many strong adjudyers of the game among the fair sex, the waves, saters and sweethearts, of the members of the several organizations named, it would be highly proper to form a ladies busing league, or the success of such a league there can be

no doubt. Similar organizations exist in

other cities to the benefit and profit of the

COLUMBIA ATHLETIC CLUB.

The next social event at the Columbia

Athletic Club will be the first of a series

of ladies' days, to be given on December

of ladies' days, to be given on December 17.

A part of the entertainment will be the athletic features to be introduced by Prof. Crossley, and for which he is busy preparing anumber of jupior and senior gymnasts. It will include class drills, horizontal bars and individual work. A wand drill will be given by the juniors.

Sewell, Midge Ross, Allen and Lyons are taking regular practice in the brother act and specialties.

Franz will on ladles' day give an exhibition pole vault and will attempt to lower the record of the gym, which now stands at 9 feet 10 inches. Arthur Plant is doing some very artistic club swinging and adding new figures each week.

The athletic features of the Ladies' Day will begin at 3:30° dock, after which there will be dancing in the gym.

The gymnatum classes are growing each week, and the good results are apparent of all sides. One member, who is very regular in attending classes, added 1:3-4 inches to the size of his bucps in a mooth. The football men are fast pulling over their screeness and ills. In the size of the siz

fair bowlers.

are well attended. Prizes are to be given for the highest total score made in the towney; for the next highest, and for the highest single game.

Another smoker will be given on the 26th inst.

The nine-pin bowling tournament is developing some very strong new bowlers.

Kondrup leads with a score of nine for the best single game.

LIGHT INFANTRY ATHLETICS. During the past week sixteen new mem-bers were added to the rolls of the Washington Light Infantry. Several very prom-ising young athlets. Of these R. S. Hooker is a first-class all-round man; well built and very active. He takes to basketball handly. G. M. Gales and W. Chapman are well known, the former in school football circles, and the latter as an all-round tum-

bler. Harry Lee and Ernest Schafhirt are well matched wrestlers, and their practice work always draws a large number of cokers on.
The athletic committee will shortly have

the gymnasium apparatus put in first-class order and the securing of a physical instructor may be found a necessity at an early date. Shreeve and Given are fast becoming ex-

perts at bag punching.
The corps baskerbalt team is taking regu-The corps naskerbalt team is taking regular practice and good results are shown on all sides. The men are in good condition, except McQuarde, whose lame leg received additional injury in the game with Carroll Institute last week. The range is placing the men on the line is working to good advantage and will be permanent.

The team will shortly appear in new uniforms, similar to the old ones, but better adapted to the game. It is probable that the team will play at Broklyn.

Manager Robinson is in correspondence with several out-of-town teams and hopes shortly to arrange a zeries of inter-city

shortly to arrange a series of inter-city

Outside of Company C, the other com-panies are slow in getting together their baskethall teams. The men themselves are interested and will push the matter so that shortly all the company teams will be ready for the series

be ready for the series.

Company C is th first in the field with a full team and is taking regular practice.

Capt. Erwin has shown good judgment in placing his men and their line presents a formudable array. The team is composed of formanise array. The team is composed of Erwin, right forward; King, left forward; Havens, left center; McRae, center; Liggins, right center; Loving, right back; Gales, left back; Hooker, home goal.

Manager Gregory feels confident that in the near future he will have one of the crack teams of the city and one that will give goal, dean sport.

give good clean sport.

At a meeting of the corps held during the week, committees were appointed to make arrangements for the children's bristmas celebration at the armory, and

to arrange for the annual dancing features EASTERN ATHLETIC CLUB. The members of the Eastern Athletic Club are more than pleased with the excellent showing of their basketball team. It has won the three games it has played and deserves credit for the good showing, all the more so since it has no place for practice, but depends upon the individual work of the men, in gymnasium practice. The team now leads the league.

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Much of the success of the team is due to the good management of Manager Mansfield, who is spending a few weeks at his home. Credit is likewise due to Capt. Edward Ranb, who at all times has kept the men right up to the work, as well as taking a strong hand himself.

Ellis and F. Ranb are two earnest players who are putting up a good game. Ellis

ers who are putting up a good game. Ellis has thrown the winning goal for all the club's games this season.

STONE HOUSE NEAR BULL RUN.

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ball team.

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The bicycle department is keeping up its uns. It has one scheduled for today. The pool table is still a big attraction

and a paying one, too.

The date of the "Smoker" has not yet

WASHINGTON SAENGERBUND.

The bowling members of the Washington

Saengerbund are keeping up their good work and winning games right along.

The Bund is very strong in bowlers and

the second team just selected for the new

or second league, is stronger than the

average teams and will surprise some of the big league teams ere the season ends.

Charles F. Widmayer is developing into a strong bowler, and during the week in a regular practice set he bowled 258 for his single game. He thus secures a new record for the alleys. On Thursday Bruegger came within one of tying the record with 257.

with 257.

Widmayer will be elected captain of the second team, which is represented in the new league. The other players will be Jorse, 8. Desio, Meyers and Ronaker.

Buring the week the howling members were invited to attend the banquast given after their annual meeting by the Arion Rowley, at their half, on Eighth street, but I was a superior of the street and the street and

cum's games this season.

Dunn is the smallest center in the League, but he makes up in good, strong playing what he tacks in size.

Roy Woodington is a promising player.

He should practice catching the ball as his frequent fumbles are no doubt the result.

sult of nervousness, and fumbles often mean the loss of the ball. It is a weakness Capt. Raah is arranging for an exhibition o begin shortly for the benefit of the new

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JOHN P. MURPHY, Minager,

with Carroll Institute on Friday evening, with the strong score of 212.

Jorss has a record of 214; Schlaich, is next with 204. Hanold in a practice string of five, made

the following scores: 215, 203, 218, 196, Spless came next on the same day with 181, 191, 156, 167, and 187. The Singers will bowl their second set on the Washington Athletic Clob alleys

omorrow evening and ought to win at

least one of the two games.

O. P. SCHMIDT, THE HYDRA OF SCIENCE. An Animal That Upsets Many Theories About Individuality.

New York Evening Sun. A veritable zoological mystery-the put of scientists for ages-the bydra remains today an unsolved problem in ani-mal life; indeed, until quite recently the mai life; indeed, until dute recensity see authorities classed it not as an animal a tall, but as a branch of the vegetable kingdom. In the case of the hydra distinctions between In the case of the hydra distinctions see see a animal and vegetable are confused and par-tially obliterated. This extraordinary crea-ture upsets all our theories as to individ-uality. It disproves half that we have es-tablished on the subject of physiological laws. Any one may study the hydra, for it abounds everywhere; but to explain its organic system were an impossibility, for he that would understand the hydra must comprehend nature.

the fashion of an ordinary coin purse of sac, having a mouth and around the mouth tentacula. The animal uses these tentacles, corresponding to arms, in the capture of its food and in conveying the food to its

The hydra attaches itself to some firm object by means of a sucker and lets its tentacles float in the water, idly to all appearances. In reality the waving arms are industriously searching for prey. When a crustacean or any other desired and inwary victim chances to encounter on of the waiting tentacles the spines are extended and the arm twines securely about its unhappy prisener. If the prey be large enough to require Tt, the other

be large enough to require It, the other tentacles assist in mastering the struggles of the captive, and finally aid in conveying it into the hydra's mouth.

Hard shelled animals are awakewed alive, and one can watch the continuation of their efforts to escape even after they have been awalk-week, so delicately thin is the texture of the hydra's besty. The spines, however, are supplied with a paisonous accretion minima to that of spiders, and the la injected into off bedied aminute as they are hold in the clutch of the tentacies. As a feesile, the perform after being tentacel for a short time in the group of the area.

this performance insures a tediously slow progress. When the hydra is recklessly hurried it contrives to increase its pace by an acrobatic scheme. It holds fast by its tentacles and proceeds to turn a semerault. It continues to turn somersaults until it has

arrived, making excellent time.

The hydra has little power of sensation; its capacity for pleasure is the smallest. But the hydra caposs itself, and its little cup of bliss is full to the brim when it goes a-sailing; The hydra lets its body float just beneath the surface of the water; it raises its sucker above the surface, where the light membrane soon dries. Thus dried, the sucker forms a capital sail. The breeze comes, poff; the hydra goes sailing away. The tentacles make rudders to

away. The tentacles make rudders to guide the course. If the wind fails, they become ears for this living galley. Such is the hydra in its general character-istics. But its startling idosyncrasies have yet to be told.

Turn the hydra inside out and it suffers no apparent danage. The former outside no apparent damage. The former outside of its stomach directs food as readily us did the former inside. Occasionally a did the former inside. Occasionally a hydra engaged in swallowing its food will be swallowed by a second hydra. One would suspect that this would terminate the first hydra's career. The fact is otherwise. The two hydras, the swallower and swallowed, digest their mutual food; thereafter, the swallowed hydra, an animal Jonah, reappears, none the worse. In truth, the two hydras seem well content with their communistic method of dining. You can cut a hydra into fifty separate pieces, and each piece will become a

The most simply constructed of animals are the zoophytes. They are, however, of various degress in simplicity, the simplest of them is the hydra. This small creature is to be found commonly in pools of stagnant water, and the study of it, either with or without microscope, is both delightful and amazing. Indeed, its peculiarities are such as to be of extreme importance in our consideration of the profoundest questions of being.

The hydra's body is constructed after the fashion of an ordinary coin purse or

or hydras with many mouths; or hydra with multiplied tentacles. Two hydras or more may be made into one; one may be made into almost any number.

What, then, can be said of the hydra's individuality? Certainly it is not fixed, as it is in the case of man. Rather, it partakes of the mutability and divisibility existent in the vegetable kingdom. But the hydra is not a vegetable. Along with other low forms of animal life, it was thoughet o be a plant until about a century age. Now we know that it is an animal age. Now we know that it is an animal

True Patriotism.

"Does the man want the postoffice?"
"No, the man frequently stated before
the election that he had no hope of reward. He was working for the good of
the country." Why does the man circulate a peti-

"To get signatures."
"Is it to raise money for some charita-

the purpose?"
"No, it is a petition praying that he be appearmed postmaster."

"But he does not want the postoffice."

"Not he does not want the postoffice, but he has barned that it is likely to full time are withy baseds unless he takes it, and her postoffice, comes once there to the reason of the comes, " The ago Journal,

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